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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: EMERGENCY CHANGES TO COURT REPORTER SERVICES AND TO CORRESPONDING LOCAL RULE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** NO. 22.13

In 2012, as a result of budgetary issues, the Ventura Superior Court was forced to reduce the types of proceedings for which the court would provide official reporters. At that time, the court amended Local Rule 18.00 to reflect those changes, specifying, for example, that the court would no longer report civil trials or law and motion (in the absence of a request by a party with a fee waiver), but would otherwise continue to report certain civil proceedings (e.g., Asset Forfeiture).

During the past decade, the number of court reporters employed by the court has declined due to retirements as well as departures to the private sector. Despite persistent recruiting efforts, the court has been unable to hire reporters to replace those that have left. Historically, the court reporting department had 28 reporters, but now has only half that number available on most days. The current daily need for only those courtrooms in which reporting is mandated by law (e.g., felony hearings) is 20 reporters. The crisis has now reached the point that the court is struggling to provide court reporters for mandated courtrooms and thus can no longer provide reporters for important but non-mandated proceedings. Due to the immediacy and severity of the crisis,

## THE COURT THEREFORE FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective May 2, 2022, the court will no longer provide a court reporter for the following proceedings in **Civil** (settlements placed on the record; Asset

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Forfeiture; Harassment; Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse; Workplace Violence; and Private Postsecondary School Violence); in **Family Law** (settlements placed on the record; Requests for Orders (fka Orders to Show Cause); Restraining Orders; Ex Partes; and Domestic Violence hearings); and in **Probate** (all matters). These changes apply to all proceedings heard on or after May 2, 2022, regardless of the date of filing. The portions of Local Rule 18.00.D to the contrary are suspended and superseded by this Administrative Order.

- Any party may arrange at their own expense for the presence of a reporter to serve
  as an official pro tempore reporter at any proceeding identified in paragraph 1.
  (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.956(c)(1); Super. Ct. Ventura County, Local Rules, rule
  18.00.F).
- 3. A party that has been granted a fee waiver may make a request for a court reporter at any proceeding identified in paragraph 1. The court will provide a reporter if the court is not otherwise electronically recording the proceeding. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.956(c)(2); Super. Ct. Ventura County, Local Rule, rule 18.00.G).

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2022. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL OTHERWISE AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April **22**, 2022

Bruce A. Young
Presiding Judge